

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. Selectmen present were Janet Smith, James McIlroy, and Roberta Gerkin. Others present were Chief Reed, Road Agent Brian Knipstein; Sam Taylor; Cemetery Trustees - Jed Rumford, Terry Maisey, Bill Dawson; Treasurer Don Doane; Budget Committee Members – Jamie Thompson, Win Fream and Mike Sununu and Sue McKinnon, Town Clerk.

Brian Knipstein was in to discuss the complaints about mailboxes being damaged by the snowplows. Most of the boxes are not four feet from the edge of the pavement as required by the Town. The snowplows do not deliberately damage mailboxes – sometimes the force of the snow coming off the plow causes the damage. James asked that Nancy find the letter sent to residents last year regarding this situation and refer to it when residents call the Town Office with complaints.

The Library left a message for the Road Agent that their walkway was not shoveled after the last snowstorm. Brian advised that the roads are the priority. He did go to shovel the walkways Saturday, but they had already been shoveled. It was suggested that the Library hire someone to shovel the snow. Nancy was asked to call the Library with that suggestion.

Brian feels that the Town should conditionally accept Heath Drive and Scanlon Way as town roads at this time. The Selectmen advised Brian that this issue is on The Agenda for the December 20th, 2005 meeting.

The Cemetery Trustees reviewed their Budget for 2005 and advised that approximately \$9,000.00 will be returned to the Town this year. They presented their proposed Budget for 2006.

The Forestry truck sealed bids were opened. The winning bid was \$3,235.60. We need a check from the winning bidder and to coordinate with Chief Buxton for delivery.

Chief Reed brought to the Board's attention a newspaper article regarding his and Barbara Hayden's efforts to distribute food to needy families in Newfields for the Thanksgiving Holiday. They are now collecting food for the needy for the Christmas Holiday.

Chief Reed attended the recent Newfields School Board meeting. The School Board wants the Police Department to turn off and re-set the alarm system at the school. False alarms have been an ongoing problem. Chief Reed advised the School Board that the Police Department cannot re-set the alarm system due to liability issues.

Sam Taylor met with the Board to discuss the items needed for ADA Compliance at the Town Hall. Rather than replace the double doors at the front entrance, he suggested that the single door be designated as the Handicapped Access Only, with a ramp and approved door hardware. The Selectmen asked Sam to get in touch with Reuben Hull, the Town Planner, to make sure his plan will meet ADA requirements. Sam should be able to start this work at the end of December or early January.

Roberta made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 6th, 2005 meeting. James seconded and all were in favor.

Sue McKinnon reviewed the Avitar and Election Budgets with the Selectmen.

8:03pm The Selectmen went into a non-public session – RSA 91-A:31

8:18pm The Selectmen went back into public session.

The Budget Committee reviewed the proposed Budget for 2006. They recommended that the Planning Board purchase the flat file cabinet this year and that the Fire Department spend \$10,000. now for needed roof repairs at the Fire Station.

The quote for a new computer system at the town office was discussed. The lease option appears to be the best option for the town, but it was suggested that we check with the Town Auditor to make sure the new system will work with the auditor's system.

10:40pm The Selectmen went into a non-public session – RSA 91-A:31.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer